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SUBJECT: RECREATIONAL BOATING

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FOR NEUBERT FROM GARRISON

1. WE HAVE KEPT IN TOUCH WITH ZINCHUK'S BOATING ASPIRATIONS VIA MRS. BAHRENS. WHEN WE SPOKE WITH HER MOST RECENTLY (ON MARCH 12) SHE HAD DISCUSSED BOATING WITH ZINCHUK ONLY A FEW DAYS PREVIOUSLY. AT THAT TIME, HE SAID HIS BOAT HAD STILL NOT ARRIVED AND CLAIMED THAT HE WAS NOT SURE HE WAS GOING TO GET A BOAT AFTER ALL. OUR INITIAL INFORMATION WAS THAT FESCO, THE FAR EAST STEAMSHIP CO., WAS DONATING A VOLGA HYDROFOIL. THIS 18 FOOT RUNABOUT IS NOT MUCH GOOD FOR THE BAY.

2. MRS. BEHRENS IS FULLY AWARE OF YOUR BOATING SITUATION AND THE NECESSITY OF KEEPING ZINCHUK OUT OF THE WATER UNTIL YOUR NEEDS ARE SATISFIED. SHE KEEPS THE DEPARTMENT INFORMED ON THIS QUESTION, AND WE WILL PASS ON HER STATUS REPORTS.

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3. WHETHER ALL THIS WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT LEVERAGE TO

GET YOUR BOAT INTO THE CENTER AREA WILL DEPEND PARTLY
ON WHETHER ZINCHUK'S CLOUT, AND HIS DESIRE TO TOOTLE
AROUND THE BAY, ARE SUFFICIENT TO OVERCOME IN MOSCOW'S
CALCULATIONS THE DISPARITIES IN NON-RECREATIONAL YIELD
BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES.

4. IF YOU SHOULD AT ANY POINT DECIDE TO SETTLE FOR LESS
THAN THE CENTER AREA, WE MIGHT LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY
OF FINDING SOMETHING LIKE ZELENOGORSK'S REMOTENESS TO
OFFER ZINCHUK. THAT MAY BE DIFFICULT IN THE BAY, BUT
REDWOOD CITY OR PALO ALTO MIGHT BE POSSIBILITIES WITH
THEIR NARROW CHANNELS AND EXTENSIVE MUD FLATS. INGERSOLL

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